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Congratulations Montclair State University Class of 2010!

Nicole Simonetti
News Editor

After the few years that it has taken to complete your college life at Montclair State University, it has finally come to a close.

Congratulations to the class of 2010! This year's graduating class totaled 3,745. Although you are leaving Montclair State, a little piece of the college has been taken with you.

Not only did you successfully study to succeed, but memories of friends were made as well.

Memories such as these are something that many people will never forget.

The Montclarion is proud of everyone for their accomplishments and wishes you all luck in the next chapter of your life.

Everyone will scatter in different directions, but everyone will be able to say that they attended Montclair State.

So once again, congratulations on everything you have accomplished while studying here at Montclair State University.

Everyone strived for the A on their final exam, an internship at a hopeful future employee or keeping a high GPA. Hopefully those goals have all been met.

If you can achieve what you wanted now, you'll be able to do so forever. Good luck to Montclair State University's class of 2010!

In this issue, you can take a walk down memory lane while we highlight some of the important things that have happened during the years you were here.



Kristie Cattafi | *The Montclarion*



Nelson DePasquale | *The Montclarion*

Ground has been broken in Surface Lots 22, 23 and 32 for the construction of the new residence halls and dining hall. Coverage on page 5.

Welcome MSU Class of 2014!

Nicole Simonetti
News Editor

Welcome everyone to Montclair State University. Upon your entering a new life experience, getting to know people will help you through the process. So why not join a club that can introduce you to many people in our campus community?

Being part of MSU's newspaper, *The Montclarion*, is not just a chance to report but it is also a place to meet new people.

The Montclarion is a student-run newspaper that has been providing the campus with news for 82 years. There are many sections to be covered and the news section is one of the most important.

Writing for the news section opens many doors to digging into stories and talking to the community, including students, professors and ad-

ministrators.

Assignments for writers can range from covering a new club gaining charterment on or an organization trying to make a movement on campus, to things like investigating an arrest that took place on campus.

Aside from getting closer to the surrounding community, you also participate in a very professional environment with your peers. There are many deadlines to be met and requests from editors to be fulfilled.

Writing for *The Montclarion* may also help future reporters in their career. Students receive experience and lessons to build off of to carry with them forever.

My name is Nicole Simonetti and I am the News Editor for the paper, and the more writers, the merrier. I'd love to have you write for my section of *The Montclarion*!



Students pose for a picture during last year's Red Hawk Day Orientation.

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MSU Celebrates Centennial Anniversary Campus Wide



Peter Schaus | The Montclarion

Students, professors, administrators, alumni, parents and many others all gathered on Montclair State University's campus for a day filled with fun activities and celebrating.

This article previously ran on Sept. 18, 2008. It was written by Kulsoom Rizvi, who at the time was Assistant News Editor.

To celebrate 100 years of Montclair State University, thousands of students, faculty, staff, alumni and neighbors are invited to the Centennial Festival on Saturday, which will include "the biggest alumni reunion ever," according to Executive Director of Alumni and Communication Relations Julie Adams.

"I wanted to do a festival unlike anything that has been done on this campus before," Adams said.

"I wanted a festival that appeals to our current students, potential students, to the alumni and to the members of the community at large."

Running from noon to 6 p.m., the festival consists of free performances, including "the world's most dangerous jug band" Dirty Birdies, Yosi & the Superdads, Mike Luipersbeck Jazz Trio, Checkered Past, the Montclair Community Band, Denville String Band, the Emerald Society Pipe Band, the Chris Moore Jazz Band, 3Across and the Afro-Brazilian Cultural Center.

Freshman Caitlin Vanduyne admitted that she was not sure what was going to happen during the festival but plans on attending because it sounds interesting.

"No one really talks about it, so it didn't seem like anything. I saw banners and flyers posted around, so I'll probably go and check things out to see what sorts of things are happening," she said.

Freshman Epiphany Sams said that

she is interested in hearing the different bands and performers throughout the festival.

"I have never heard of any of these bands before, so I'm excited to listen to some new music and meet new people. I'm also looking forward to having my entire family come and just have a good time," she said.

In addition to the live performances,



a typical street festival will be taking place throughout the core of the campus with strolling entertainers, food vendors, inflatable rides and "make and take" craft tables, just to name a few.

"Just imagine a street festival on steroids. That is just what this is," Festival Producer and Montclair alumnus Ira Rosen said.

"There will be something going on at every place on campus. This has been kind of like a labor of love because this university has helped me launch my career. I owe a lot to this university, so for me it has been a pleasure to be part of this celebra-

tion."

Along with the festivities, about 700 to 1000 graduates of Montclair State from all classes will also join the university's centennial anniversary, and according to Rosen, that has never happened before.

"There is a significant number of alumni that probably have not been back to campus for a really long time," Rosen stated.

"Before I started working on the festival, it had probably been a good 15 years since I had been on campus. The campus has changed and grown and improved so much in the years, so we really want graduates to come and see how much we have progressed. Actually, a number of our performers during the festival are alums, including some vendors and a strolling clown, so if there was one day for the alums to come back, Saturday would be it."

Sophomore Tyler Richards said he is looking forward to having his grandparents who graduated from MSU come and added that his great-grandmother wrote the alma mater for the university.

The festival will conclude with fireworks and a special performance featuring WAR, the Smithereens and CC Coletti at Yogi Berra Stadium. Discount tickets for Montclair State students, faculty, staff and alumni are \$15 and can be purchased at the Kasser Theatre.

"I really think this is going to be an unbelievable event, something that has never been done before. The people who come are really going to have something to remember," Adams said.



Peter Schaus | The Montclarion

Lines form to eat Applegate Farm's ice cream at Montclair State University's Centennial celebration.



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People in attendance of the Centennial celebration got to listen to live music throughout the day.

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Future Dorm Plans for New and Hopeful Residents at MSU



Nelson DePasquale | The Montclarion

Frank Sinatra Hall (above) will be one of the many additions to Montclair State's campus. A future design of the dorm was created by Fletcher Thomas architecture/planning/interior design.

This article previously ran on Sept. 18, 2008. It was written by Kristie Cattafi, who at the time was News Editor.

A new student housing complex holding 303 beds is scheduled to be completed in early August 2009, Greg Bressler, vice president for university facilities, said.

The on-campus housing facility is designed to meet sophomore and junior students' needs.

Brockwell & Carrington are the contractors working on construction. At the July 24 Board of Trustees meeting, a contract increase of \$1,181,203 was approved for the project.

Susanne Ferrin, director of residential education and services, explained: "It is more often that sophomores are getting squeezed out of

housing," she said.

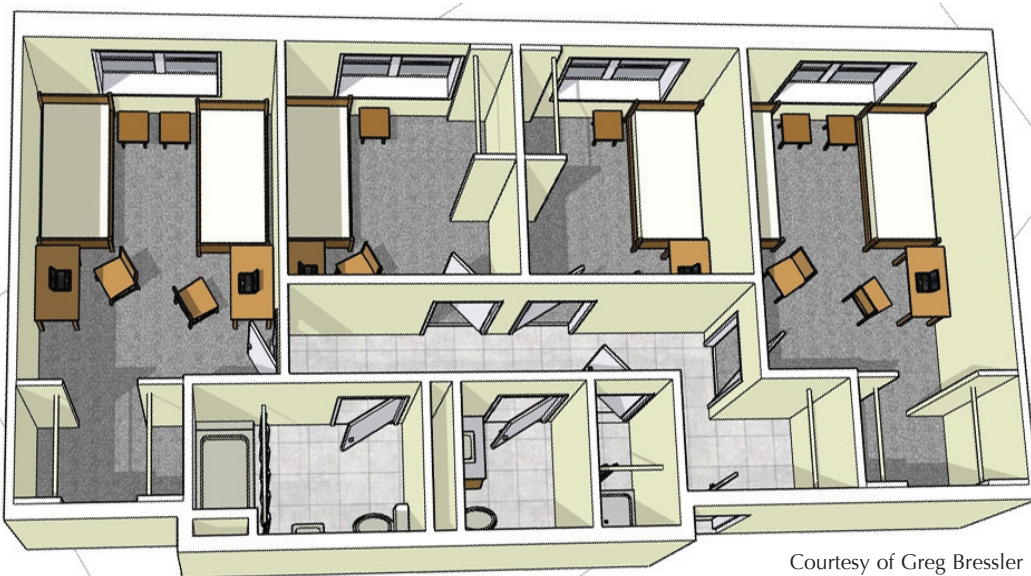
The six-floor dorm will be located in between the Clove Road and the Village apartments.

A typical apartment suite will include two double and two single bedrooms, two bathrooms and two showers [see design].

"It's exciting that the new residence hall is on the move," Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life, said.

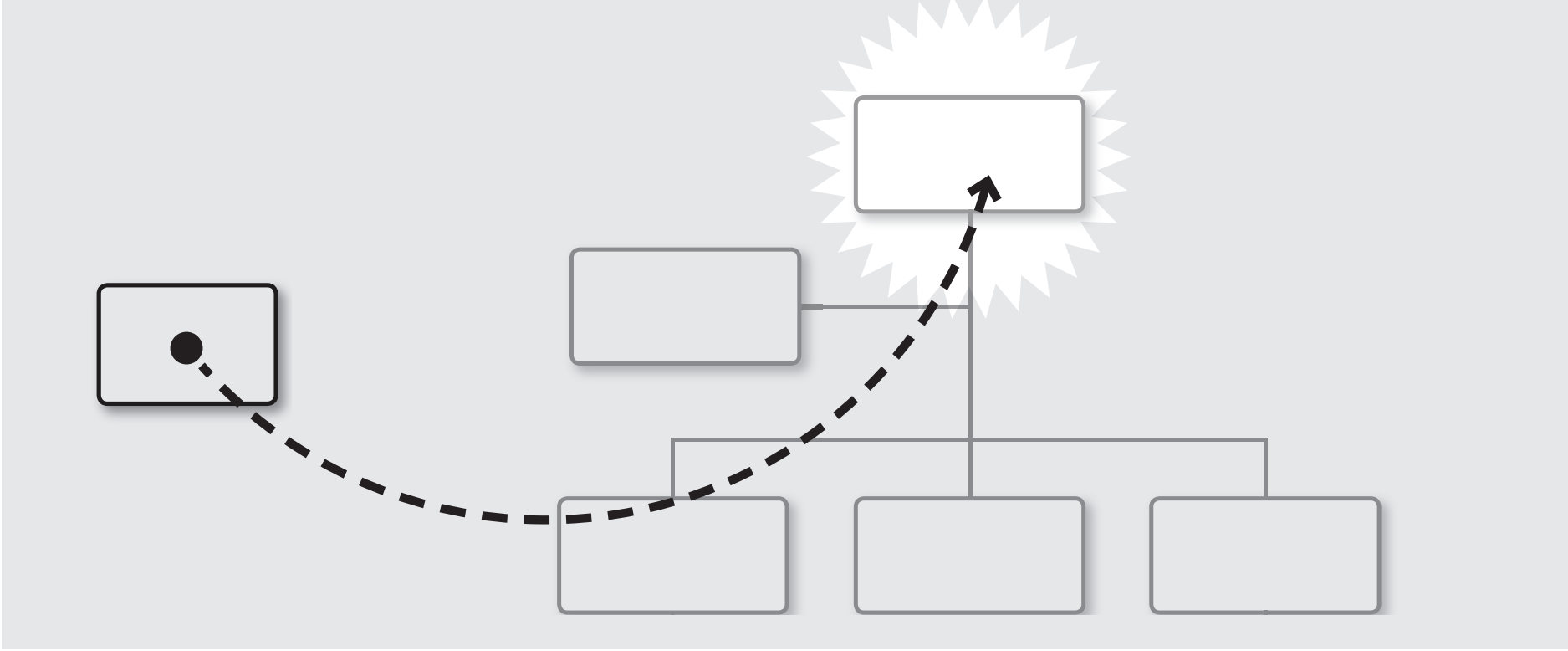
"It is going to provide more [on-campus] beds for students."

Originally, Sinatra Hall was scheduled to be completed in August 2009, as said in our article. However, the construction was delayed because of contaminated soil. Sinatra Hall is scheduled to be completed in August 2010.



Courtesy of Greg Bressler

An apartment suite will include two double and two single bedrooms, two bathrooms and two showers. A future design of the suite was created by Fletcher Thomas architecture/planning/interior design.



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Pictures of the newest residence halls that show what they will look like and where they are located on campus.

This article previously ran on Feb. 4, 2010. It was written by Kristie Cat-tafi, who at the time was Editor-in-Chief.

Montclair State University will start construction on two new student-housing units by the Recreation Center this spring.

The new dorms are planned to be built in lot 24 A, a parking lot below the Rec. Center and lot 22, a parking lot north of the Rec. Center.

The new dorms will hold 2,000 beds for freshman and sophomore students while taking away 700 parking spaces, Vice President for University Facilities Greg Bressler stated.

This will be the first new construction project under the New Jersey Economic Stimulus Act of 2009, signed by

former Gov. Jon Corzine this past August. The bill allowed public universities to hire private contractors to build on campus.

“It gave us the authority to enter into a public-private contract on our campus,” Bressler said. “Before that we were working with private developers off-campus.”

MSU was recently planning off-campus housing in downtown Montclair, but since the stimulus bill was signed, plans were canceled.

Capstone Development Cooperation, which was going to build the off-campus dorms, is now building the new on-campus dorms.

The two buildings, known as the Hillside Site and the Rec. Center Site, will be “H shaped” buildings, with laundry rooms, common space and a new dining

facility.

“There’s going to be group development that can actually happen right in the building,” Bressler said. “It’s common space, but can also function as a classroom.”

The new dorms will be right next to the new parking garage that should be finished this August.

The new deck was built over two surface lots taking away 400 parking spaces, but it should create 1,530 new spaces.

The two new dorms will also be joining our latest addition, Frank Sinatra Hall, which is located in between the Clove Road Apartments and the Village Apartments.

The university will, technically, be leasing the land to Capstone, and students will have to pay rent directly to

them.

“They have to operate it within our current room rates,” Bressler said.

According to Bressler, Capstone has to put the price together as a total package.

This includes factoring the cost of designing, building and operating the dorm to pay off the debt of construction and calculate the lease rate of the property all in the current room rate structure.

“It’s kind of a balancing act on the developers part,” Bressler said. “They have to develop it and put it together in a fashion that a person living here would be paying the same rate as someone living in the village.”

Construction is anticipated to be completed by August 2011, and students will be able to move on that.



Lot 23, one of the parking lots that were closed due to construction.

Nicole Simonetti
News Editor

Montclair State University has finally begun the construction for new residence halls and a new dining hall on May 11th. The first move was to close down parking lots during the week of this semester’s finals.

Gregory Bressler, vice president of Facilities Services, stated in a campus-wide e-mail, “This project is very important to the advancement of our student life programs, bringing 2,000 new student beds to our present housing offering.”

Yet, to begin the construction of two new residence halls and a new dining hall, parking lots had to be shut down.

On May 7 an e-mail was sent out

that stated just general lots 22 and 23 and restricted lot 32 would be unavailable from May 11 to August 2011.

Bressler stated in the e-mail, “We are confident, however, that ample parking spaces will be available in the remaining campus parking venues.”

Montclair State University even opened up different parking areas that were not available before to try and stop this problem. There were 85 spots opened in general lot 25 and 83 spots added temporarily to general lot “T2” where the former softball practice field was.

Students with yellow or orange hangtags were even given permission to park in the Village and Clove Road apartments because many students had already moved out.



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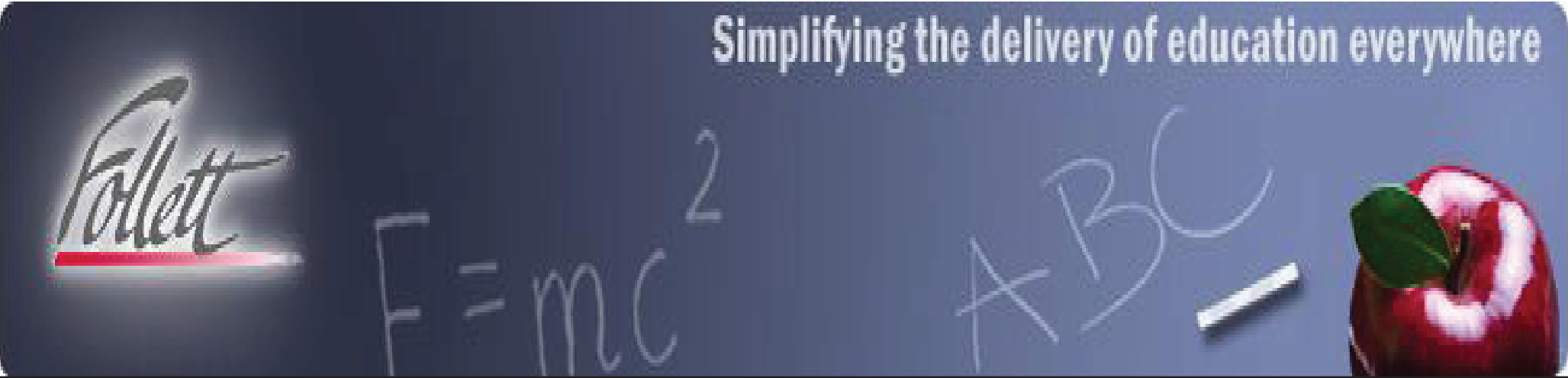
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Employers Give Green Light to Apply for Jobs: More Grad Students will be Hired than in Previous Years

This article ran previously on April 28, 2010. It was written by staff writer Alicia Fegghi

Students are used to waiting. They wait in line to buy books at the Montclair State University bookstore. They wait to use a computer in the computer lab. They wait for a parking space. They wait for the green light.

Karen Hood-Kasim, a Mahwah resident who is pursuing her master's in public health, was one of the 328 job applicants to get the green light. The applicants handed their resumes to 60 employers at the career fair last Thursday in University Hall's conference center.

Students spent as little as 30 seconds to five minutes to persuade employers to pick up the phone and call them for an interview.

"It is so competitive, especially now," Hood-Kasim said, whose black and white ensemble was appropriate attire for a career fair. Even though the rough job market is disappointing, she refuses to cease applying for jobs.

"I never give up," she said, holding her resume. "I'm going to keep networking and sending this resume as if it were my job."

Job hunting is a full-time job in itself. And it takes patience, which is a skill that Hood-Kasim has developed over time.

"I am just doing the right things to get myself out there. I am not impatient to finish my degree, I am not impatient with the job hunt," she said.

She admits that the rigid economy is frustrating, but she knows that it takes time to land a job.

company and the hiring manager, and research employers prior to interviews. "They'll know you did your research, which can go a long way to having them contact you for an interview," he said.

Students should also volunteer, investigate part-time jobs in their fields, network, attend career fairs and take computer training classes.

"Employers will want to know how they were spending their time," Mayer said.

An employer from New York Life and MSU alumnus Vito Spano, who got a job right after graduating with

"Networking is about being open to possibilities."

**Karen Hood-Kasim
Public Health Major**

a degree in marketing, can attest to Mayer's statement. "Students who go to career fairs should research the employers that they are interested in," he said. Mayer said some qualities that make for a good candidate are "entrepreneurial-spirited people and motivation." Spano advises students to never ask, "What do you have to offer me?" Instead, students should ask, "What can I offer to your company?"

Despite statistics from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development that put New Jersey's unemployment rate last month at 9.8 percent, Mayer said there is a sign that the job market will improve for graduates. "Hiring is actually projected to go up 5.3 percent," Mayer said. The most recent report from the National Association of Colleges and Employ-

SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR REAL WORLD INTERVIEWS

- Have your resume ready
- Make up business cards
- Dress professionally for interviews
- Target one field at a time
- Stay organized with your portfolio
- Ask a lot of questions

a senior clinical research associates.

Visiting the career center may also help students in obtaining employment and identifying career interests. The center offers career counseling, drop-in counseling, resume/cover letter critiques, Career Directions job

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postings, workshops and the Alumni job search seminar on June 17 in University Hall.

From an employer's perspective, Spano said the hiring process is time-consuming for both the applicants and hiring managers. He encourages students to be proactive in their job search, rather than sit and wait for opportunities to come to them.

"Waiting is just part of the process, just like waiting for the traffic light to turn green," Spano said. "But one thing students should not wait to do is visit the career center," he added.

The light just turned green. What are you waiting for?



Photos courtesy of Alicia Fegghi

In fact, the average job hunt lasts six months. With the current scarce job market, it may take longer than students expected. According to Adam Mayer, director of career counseling at the Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education, "Searching for and eventually procuring employment can take a long time, and some graduates may not have expected the process to be so prolonged."

Before the career fair, Hood-Kasim attended a networking opportunity at the Chamber of Commerce. "Networking is about being open to possibilities," she said.

Mayer advises students to devote time during the week to job searching. Students should treat this task as if it were part of their job, which is to be proactive and not passive. In other words, simply applying to jobs on the computer may not be enough for students to stand out during this highly competitive time.

Mayer suggested that students "polish their business correspondence now more than ever." Students should tailor their cover letter to both the

ers stated that employers plan to hire more graduates this year than they did in 2008-09. In addition, the number of employers from last year's career fair

has doubled, from 35 employers to 60. However, some students are prepared to face reality. Completing an internship helps students become familiar with the working world prior to graduation. Students who do not have internship experience may have just made the job search that much more difficult and frustrating. Many programs require an internship. By the time Hood-Kasim graduates next year, she will have related experience to her career goal as



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Montclair University Gamers Leader Leaves Behind

James Carolan
WEBMASTER

Three years ago I started college. Like any other kid, I was unsure of how my life would change in such a big new world after leaving high school.

It was Red Hawk Day — the day in the beginning of the year when all the student organizations are tabling in the quad. I walked up to a table that had a picture of a dragon in a baseball cap, two guitar hero controllers and a man sitting behind the table.

Little did I know then that the man who so easily convinced me to join the Montclair University Gamers (M.U.G.) would become one of this campus' great leaders and, more importantly, one of my best friends.

Later that day I met Samantha Siegel, who is currently a graduating senior. She introduced me to her friend.

She promptly called this man and he came running. The man who walked in the door was no other than the man behind the table from earlier that day. This was when I learned the name of the man that was soon to become what

I hope is one of my life long friends.

My first year in M.U.G. was a fun one. I can say that it really made a difference in my college experience to have such a great place to go with a strong group of people to support each other, and a person who shined above all of them.

I feel this person was none other than Justin Towe. The President of M.U.G. Eric Strickland, who is also a graduating senior, shared my feelings. I watched as he took Towe under his wing and molded him into a great leader. Towe was in training to take over the organization as president of M.U.G. when Strickland moved on to other challenges.

Towe learned from Strickland and eventually was elected as president of M.U.G. I had the pleasure of working on the executive board with Towe the following two years. Seeing Towe in a leadership role showed me see a lot of things I would have never expected.

At every meeting, he would make



Courtesy of Facebook: Montclair University Gamers.

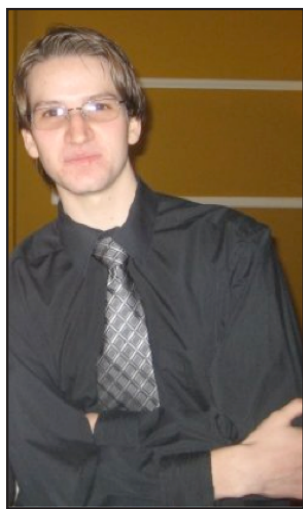
sure to talk with everyone who come into the room. If he could, he would have played a game with each of them. As our leader on the e-board, he made sure that we were always heard and that no one was neglected.

Most importantly he made it his job to train the future generation of gamers. Taking many people under his wings, he taught them how to run for an e-board position or any leadership position beyond M.U.G.

Towe was not just a great leader but a great president. I would argue that his years with M.U.G. were some of the best that the organization has ever had. The SGA agreed and awarded M.U.G. with Class II Organization of the Year this year.

While Towe was such a great leader of M.U.G., this is not the only capacity where I have seen him lead. I have worked with him many times as a member of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Tech Team. He has been an instrumental part of this work force for the past two years.

Towe graduates with the Outstanding IT Student of the Year Award for the highest GPA out of the graduating computer science majors.



Justin Towe, M.U.G. President.



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ROTC Grad: An All-American Boy

Jackie Zygadlo
STAFF WRITER

Matt Boyle, a cadet major in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at Seton Hall University, is one of 20,000 cadets currently enrolled in Army ROTC across the country and will be part of the more than 40 percent of current active duty officers who are commissioned through ROTC after he graduates from MSU this May.

Before the sun comes up, Matt Boyle, leaves his house in Clifton and is behind the wheel of his car. He commutes to Seton Hall University to promote ROTC to prospective troops.



Matt Boyle, ROTC Graduate.

Classes, meetings and campus activities at Montclair State University usually keep him going.

"It's tough. I'm not going to lie, especially because a) you're active and b) you want to do [well] in school," says Boyle about how he manages school, ROTC and a social life.

Starting September 2010, Boyle, will begin serving the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Okla., as part of the Air Defense Artillery Branch. He will report for his officer basics course, where he will learn advanced skills as a platoon leader in order to lead troops.

As a cadet major, he instructs cadets in basic army leadership skills and battle drills, operations and procedures.

"Part of being a good leader is also being a good follower. You learn every single skill that your initial soldiers also learn too. For example, how to shoot rifles, physical training as an officer," says Boyle.

When Boyle graduated Livingston High School in 2006, he originally wanted to go straight into the army but his high school guidance counselor and youth minister

urged him to consider other options.

As a child, Boyle's dream was to become the camouflaged plastic figurine he played with, G.I. Joe.

"I was thinking about the Marine corps. It just wasn't what I was looking for in terms of size and support. My father, he also told me, 'Don't be a Marine' [...] But to be honest here, who wins wars?" he said confidently.

Besides being in the ROTC program at Seton Hall, Boyle is a Justice Studies major who graduates in May from MSU.

When Boyle is on campus, Boyle can't go anywhere without seeing someone he knows.

"I guess I like meeting new people, that's the number one thing. I love people. As you can see, I joined the army because I wanted to protect and defend people. I'm very active too," says Boyle. "I sleep on average four hours a night and during the daytime, if I'm not in [class] [...] I'm at school, meeting people, shaking hands and making connections with people".

Boyle's passion for people and his friendly personality is evident beneath his All-American boy looks.

Boyle started out meeting people when he lived in Russ and Blanton during his first two years at Montclair.

He joined Newman Catholic and became their president. He has been on the Red Hawk Paintball Team and was part of College Republicans and Young Americans for Liberty for a brief time. He was also featured in the Real Men of MSU calendar in December, which featured men who positively contributed to MSU by taking a stand against violence towards women.

"Matt Boyle is the kind guy that I am proud to call one of my best friends in the whole entire world. He often keeps me in line, and reminds me of who I am and what I stand for," says Jared Shababb, Boyle's friend and SGA legislator and president pro-tempore.

Shababb also said, "Boyle is a great guy, and I am so proud of how he chose to serve his country. However, I know that Matt Boyle has also affected my personality for the better. And has taught me to be the best that I could be as a student and friend."

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By Joanna Fuchs*



Alpha Phi Omega is a class V organization of the SGA

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Unscramble the words to reveal words associated with graduation. The first letters in each clue will reveal the name of the speech given by speakers at graduation.

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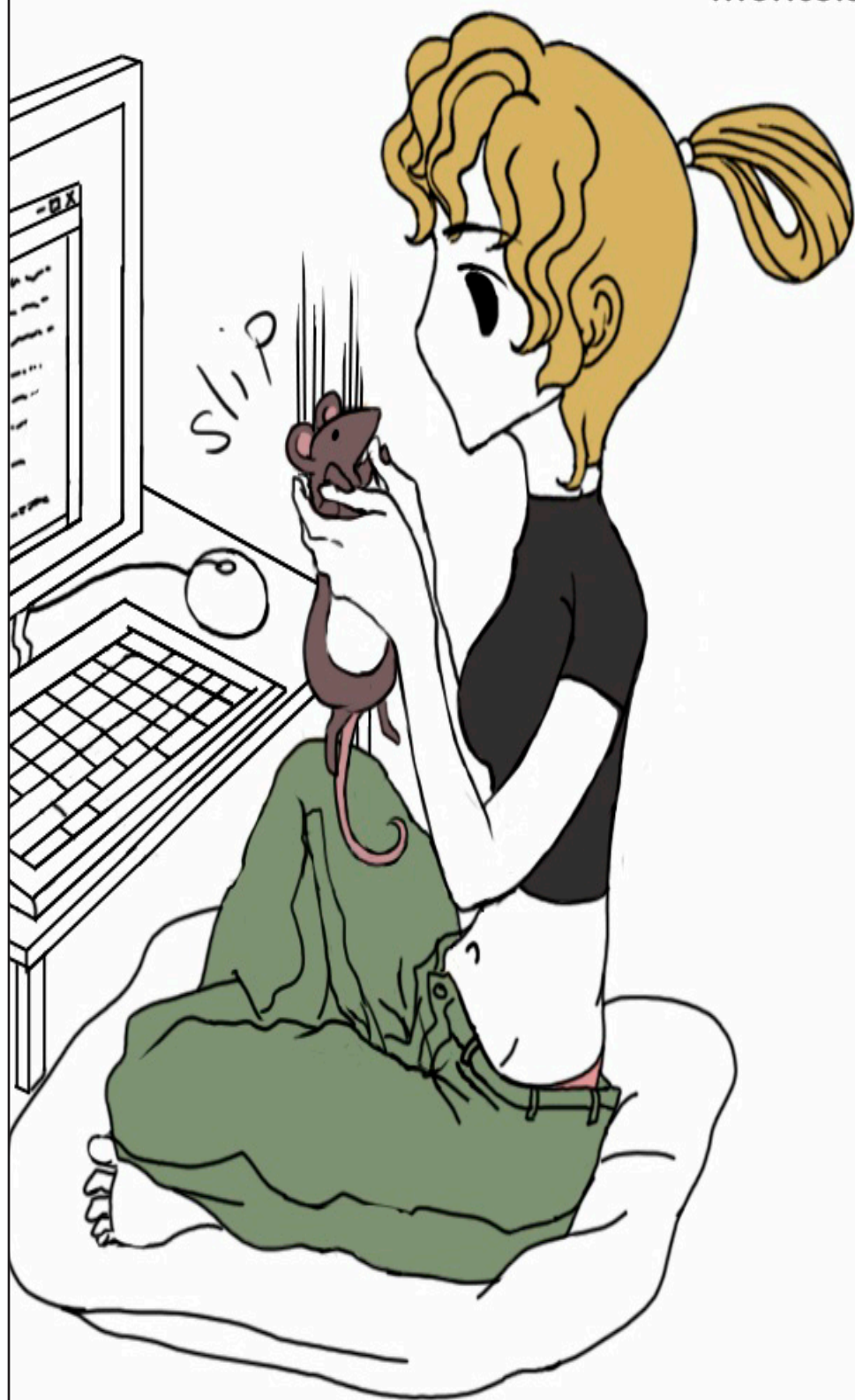
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What’s Wrong With This Picture?



Lou Cunningham | The Montclarion

N.J. Gov. Chris Christie’s proposed budget cuts to NJ public schools and higher education will have far-reaching effects that Christie and Co. should consider before hastily enacting his plans. The governor has told us, since his inauguration, that New Jerseyans will have to make sacrifices in order to bring our state out of an \$11 billion hole. Should we continue to fall into debt, the state’s economy could collapse. We’ve been told that this debt can be blamed on a number of things — the reckless spending of former governors, corruption and misappropriation by conniving New Jersey politicians, etc ... Christie can place the blame on just about anyone, and that might appease those who like to put a face to the cause of their

woes. However, those who are now at the mercy of his proposed cuts are not the ones responsible for this debt. The teachers, students, school administrators and transit workers are the ones feeling his wrath. We’ve mentioned before, in March, that the governor proposed to withhold \$62.1 million from higher education funding. On April 14, it became official that \$143 million would be cut from higher education. As it is, N.J. ranks at the bottom in state funding for public higher education. Though unwelcome, the cuts are, unfortunately, nothing new. Christie’s proposed cuts to public schools throughout N.J. will also affect higher education. In his typical condescending and bullying tone, the governor plans to enact statewide educator layoffs. Teachers and aides in N.J. schools will be

targeted. Additionally, he’s asked that some educators consider salary freezes for at least a year. The cuts will also extend to public school budgets. Usually during times of budget cuts, extra-curricular activities, enrichment programs, art and music programs are the first to go. In this case, however, with fewer teachers and aides available to students, the quality of public education in N.J. is bound to drop. In districts that are already struggling with low graduation rates, few resources and overcrowding, this creates even more obstacles. When the next generation of students affected by these cuts decides to apply to state universities, it becomes a problem for Montclair State. How will the university handle waves of applicants who, through no fault of their own, are unprepared for

college? The state’s lack of support for higher education is bad enough. When the governor tampers with something as vital as public education for elementary and high school students, it affects universities and eventually, potential employers for the graduates. At Montclair State’s tuition hearings last week, the administration updated the campus community on the state cuts to higher education. A possible tuition increase will not be decided until June 3. Ten students were present at the hearing. After the lack-luster “protests” in the quad earlier this month, we can’t say we’re surprised. President Cole informed those at the hearings that she would be chartering buses to take students down to Trenton to protest the governor’s cuts later this summer. MSU students, here’s your chance

to protest. This is your chance to confront the people who are making the decisions. Angry about tuition increases? Disgusted with having to take out mortgages to pay for the cost of your undergraduate educations, even at a state school? Take the president up on her offer, and go to Trenton. Tell the governor and state government how N.J.’s lack of support for state schools is unacceptable. Every college student has the right to a quality education without having to take out massive amounts of debt before their twenty-fifth birthday. You’d have to have the stomach of a lizard to swallow Christie’s plans for our future. -KM Originally run: March 21, 2010

Let Your Voice Be Heard: Write for Opinion!



LORI WIECZOREK
OPINION EDITOR

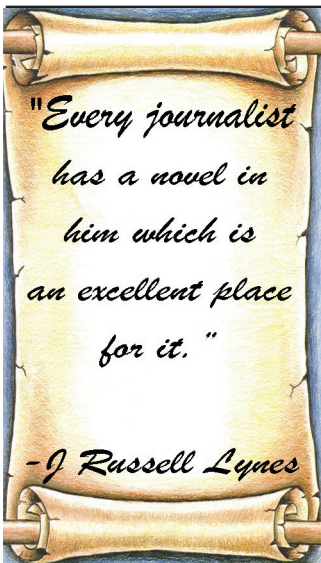
When I began my college career at Montclair I wanted to distinguish myself from the thousands of other students. I didn’t want to be just another face among the masses, a silent mind that voices her complaints behind closed doors. The Montclarion has been the voice of Montclair State

students for approximately a century. And my expanding thoughts and emotions have contributed to that voice over the past year. In college, it is your sole responsibility to rise above the mindless ranks and become a voice. The opinion section not only reports the news, but also provides a fresh perspective. Whereas the other sections report on events, scores and political upturns, the opinion section is bursting with freedoms. A columnist can express how he or she feels about politics, the arts, upcoming elections and results, legislations and campus life. The possibilities are nearly endless. The opinion section is the epitome of the first amendment, freedom of speech.

No hot water in the dorms? Write about it. Lack of parking impeding upon your ability to arrive to class on time? Write about it. The beauty of writing for the newspaper is that the university acknowledges our columns. Sure, you can write a letter to the president of the university, but the chances that she will actually read it are slim. The opinion section provides a medium through which students express how they really feel about important issues. When writing for this section, it’s up to you to decide exactly how involved you are in The Montclarion. You can be a guest columnist, or you can stop by the office on a Wednesday night to help with the actual production. Imagine the opportunities that participating in The Montclarion

will provide: journalistic experience, a chance to network and a positive credential to put on your resume. The opinion section is the perfect place for writers to practice their craft. And you don’t have to be affiliated with the journalism program to write for The Montclarion. Aside from the obvious freedoms that writing for the opinion section provides, the column itself is a blank canvas. Your column can be satirical, humorous, angry or just plain poignant. The last thing I want is for my voice to be the only one expressing the ideals and values of Montclair students. I can only provide one perspective, it’s up to the other students at this university to take the initiative and voice their

valued opinions. Don’t become just another body in a classroom, write for opinion and be heard. Lori Wieczorek, an English major, is in her first year as opinion editor of The Montclarion.



The Benefits of Marijuana are Hard to Ignore

Critically Ill Patients in N.J. Will Finally Have Access to Medical Marijuana



KATIE WINTERS
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Jersey, allowing our state to follow in the footsteps of 13 other states.

This bill does not mean that New Jersey has decriminalized marijuana, which other states in the Union have, but that our lawmakers have begun to realize the great benefits this plant may have for the sick and the dying.

Marijuana was considered a medicinal substance before Anslinger began his crusade against the substance after the failure of prohibition.

Since then, American society has viewed marijuana as a dangerous substance in the league of cocaine and heroin, with no real evidence that marijuana is even addictive.

Because of this attitude, the U.S. has been refusing to think of marijuana as a possibly beneficial drug and, in fact, refusing to run clinical trials before damning it to Schedule I, the category of drugs that receive the harshest penalties for possession.

However, other countries have been much more willing to explore the possible benefits of marijuana.

Clinical trials in the U.K. have found that marijuana can reduce wasting in AIDS patients. This is essential in their treatment because many AIDS patients become too weak to fight infection due to the nausea and subsequent weight loss caused by their other medications.

Marijuana can also be used as an alternative to opiates as painkillers. Opiates are highly addictive, so there is a limit on the amount doctors can prescribe to their patients, even if the amount does not rid the patient of the pain. These opiates are also dangerous because drugs like morphine can easily kill a patient.

Marijuana is a safe alternative; there have been no documented cases where a marijuana overdose was the cause of death and there is no proof of physical addiction to marijuana.

Marijuana is also the perfect solution to treating glaucoma. Glaucoma is a disease where pressure on the eye causes extreme pain. The drugs that have been created to treat the illness have horrible side effects, such as destruction of the kidneys and liver.

Though the attempt to push through the bill legalizing same-sex marriage may have failed, the closing days of the Corzine era have not been without liberal success.

Medical marijuana has finally been passed in New

This means that the patient limits either the relief they can receive from the pain or the length of their life by taking the drugs.

However it has been found that marijuana can reduce the pressure in the eyes without the life-threatening side effects of the commercial drugs.

Marijuana, when used as a medicine, does not have to be smoked, one of the major arguments made by those who are opposed to the idea. It can also be ingested as a solid or as a liquid, as well as vaporized and inhaled.

Doctors prescribing medical marijuana would be responsible for helping their patients decide the best way to use the substance to treat their illness.

The legalization of medical marijuana is not the first sign of the apocalypse. The opposition has long been hiding behind mostly unfounded claims.

This decision will not make the drug any more available to people, especially children.

In the first place, it is already the most prevalent illegal drug in our society and any child who wants it will not have to look too hard for it. Secondly, the use of medical marijuana is regulated, just as any other prescription drug is, and it has been said that New Jersey's law is the most stringent in the country.

The doctors who prescribe it would be responsible for only prescribing it in necessary cases or would risk losing their medical licenses, just as doctors who improperly prescribe pain killers risk losing their licenses.

Finally, those who would be prescribed the drug are not people who would be affected by the possible negative side effects of marijuana.

These people have terminal diseases and are looking for comfort to continue living for as long as possible.

Overall, this was necessary. This drug has been known as useful for many years, but those who really needed marijuana for the treatment of their illness including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), multiple sclerosis (MS), glaucoma, seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, Crohn's disease, cancer and AIDS.

Patients were in danger of legal prosecution and penalties, much more severe than the crime if they sought out the medicine that would help them.

Finally, those who would really benefit from the use of this medicine can now receive it.

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Katie Winters, an English major, is in her first year as chief copy editor for The Montclarion.

Gov. Christie, What are You Thinking?



LORI WIECZOREK
OPINION EDITOR

As I grow older, I find myself discovering a copious amount of flaws in our political system.

Despite my developed political affiliation, I remain aware that there are at least two sides to every argument.

I try my best to remove myself from emotion and think logically about issues. But sometimes, you can't remove yourself from recognizing glaring transgressions.

I have never once been completely appalled by one politician's behavior ... until now.

On April 14, nine public college presidents spoke out against Gov. Christie's higher education budget cuts. In his proposed plan, Christie is reducing aid by \$173 million for the fiscal year.

This would take effect in July, on top of the already implemented mid-year cut. Christie's budget cuts have been affecting education for the last few months.

He seems to have a sheer disregard for the people whose lives have been turned upside down because he deemed education expendable. We are still in a recession, and Christie continues to jeopardize the one thing that might save American society — knowledge.

I have always believed that teachers are an integral part of society. They shape politicians, world leaders, doctors, lawyers, scientists, researchers, psychologists, you get the picture. Without them, the world would be floundering, blindly seeking enlightenment. Education is the last place that should suffer budget cuts. Yet, Christie has his cross-hairs centered on the youth.

These new budget cuts will result in fewer scholarships, increased tuition and a sharp decline in enrollment. Aside from the effects on higher education, Christie has proposed cuts in school and municipal aid in order to close a multi-billion dollar gap.

It's hard to believe that he doesn't realize the consequences to his actions. His educa-

tion cuts aren't just affecting the current student body, but are detrimental for generations to come.

I've said this countless times before — a college degree is a necessity. How does Christie expect economic stimulation when he is actively preventing young adults from affording higher education?

Assemblyman Joe Malone rightfully stated, "The state has consistently shorted colleges and universities, even in years when a more robust economy assured, there was ample money."

He goes on to say, "We have done a horrific job supporting the higher education community. You should not have to beg every year for your existence." I could not have said it better myself.

Make no mistake; colleges will be feeling an impact from the budget cuts. At the tuition hearings it was announced that tuition may have to increase, but new degree programs will be added. The administration will hire over 35 new faculty members.

President Susan A. Cole was one of the nine college presidents

protesting the budget cuts. Her attendance, in itself, does not bode well for Montclair State. If the president of

"... Christie has proposed cuts in school and municipal aid in order to close a multi-billion dollar budget gap. It's hard to believe that he doesn't realize the consequences of his actions."

our college finds it necessary to attend legislative hearings addressing this issue, I find myself wondering exactly what the college is going to lose.

It looks as though Christie is putting an end to college improvement or expansion. He is caging education, and in extension, the human capacity for knowledge.

Christie can't even use the excuse that his new plans will create jobs. On the contrary, many qualified individuals have lost, or will be losing their jobs due to his budget cuts. I can't say that he has even given a valid reason why he's throwing education under the bus.

Over the next few months the same question will be running through my mind with distinct repetition: "Chris Christie, what are you thinking?"

Originally run on: March 21, 2010

Lori Wieczorek, an English major, is in her first year as opinion editor of The Montclarion.

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Buildings Erected, Arts Affected

The Wellmont, Kasser Theater and Cali School of Music have opened their doors and made MSU a hub for the Arts

Emily Golloub
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The past four years have been huge for the performing arts community in Montclair. The Wellmont Theater, Kasser Theater and Cali School of Music have all opened their doors, welcoming both students and the general community into the world of acting, singing, dancing and more.

The Wellmont was built in 1922 on the corner of Seymour St. and Bloomfield Ave. as a performance theater and converted into a movie theater seven years later. The theater went through many changes but in early 2008, the theater belonged to new owners, and was renovated and reopened in November 2008 as a concert hall.

The Wellmont Theater we know today has truly become a gem for all in Montclair. The theater is constantly mentioned on classic rock radio station, Q104.3, and the on-line schedule is checked often by students of MSU.

The theater has comedians and bands of all genres perform in the theater's intimate setting for very reasonable



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prices. Keep an eye out for upcoming performances by Tracy Morgan, Jeff Beck and Modest Mouse.

The Alexander Kasser Theater has also been a very positive addition to the town of Montclair, as well as MSU. Located right here on campus, attached to the Red Hawk Deck, the 500 seat theater opened its doors in 2004.

The theater has held many prestigious performances by musicians, dancers and actors from throughout the world. It also showcases our very own MSU students.

Like the Wellmont, the the-

ater is intimate. Lectures are often held after performances which enhance the intimacy and strengthen the focus of Kasser as part of a university campus and a place to learn and grow.

Lastly, and most recently, the John J. Cali School of Music opened its doors this past Fall. The new building provides a

much more vibrant, spacious and inspirational place for students to study music of all genres.

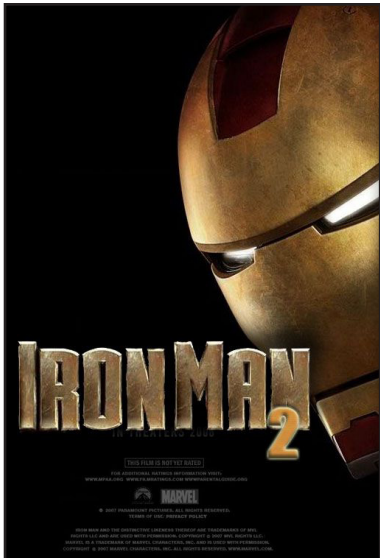
The building includes the Jed Leshowitz Recital Hall. The hall's acoustics are impeccable and provide yet another place for both MSU students and professionals to perform. The hall seats 235 people.

These three influential buildings have made both the town of Montclair and MSU a hub for the performing arts. Students of all ages have a variety of places to learn and grow as performing artists. Montclair is known as a place "where the city meets the suburbs." Now, it's where Broadway meets the suburbs.

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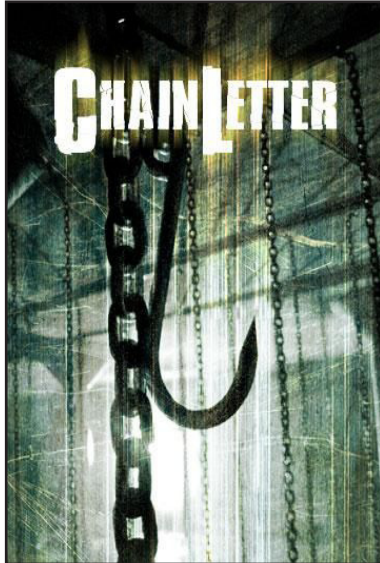
The inspiring story of romance and independence comes to theaters May 14



The comedy series for all ages has its closing installment out May 21



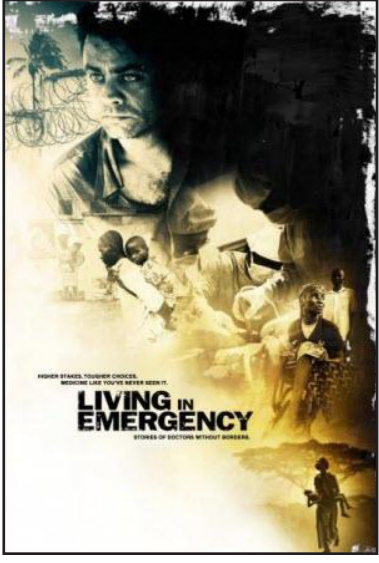
Another SNL skit hits the big screen May 21



This bloody thriller comes to theaters May 21



The girls are back again and will hit the big screen May 27



This documentary of Doctors Without Borders hits the theaters May 28



Keep an eye out for more flicks. Try something new like going to a drive-in theater for a totally different experience!

A Note from the Arts & Entertainment Editor: Emily Golloub



Emily Golloub
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Being literally thrown into the position of Arts and Entertainment Editor for *The Montclarion* late last summer, I am proud to say that I made it through with nothing more than some scratches and bruises here and there.

It was a tough year. Trying to represent the voice of MSU students accurately, managing writers, making sure events are covered, maintaining a personal life, keeping a part-time job and commuting as a full-time student

are just some of the tasks I had for the 2009-2010 school year. I am happy to say, however, that I will be back for more.

I would not have been able to get through this year without the help of writers Blaine Bridges, Mark Ramdular and Jon Reino.

Although tough, the position has so many amazing perks. It opens doors, helps build a strong résumé and gives me a product every week that I can hold in my hand and be proud of.

I want to share this amazing experience with more students on this campus. I am currently looking for more writers and an assistant for the upcoming Fall semester.

Writing for Arts & Entertainment

Writing for the Arts & Entertainment section is a great way to open doors on campus if you are a new student, have a passion you would like to share with the rest of campus or just want to attend some free concerts and write an article in return.

Over the summer I will be checking my e-mail daily for people who are interested in becoming involved. I will respond assuring you that your e-mail was received.

Later in the summer, I will contact

all interested writers with a large calendar of events that I know need to be covered throughout the Fall semester. That will give everyone the opportunity to choose events early on. This process will be first come, first served.

This calendar will also include dates of all of the production days for the Fall semester.

Production days are Wednesdays. Articles are due Tuesdays at 8 p.m. This is something to consider when finalizing your class schedule and choosing events to cover.

After submitting your first articles, I will assign or allow you to choose topics and events to cover.

Besides the Tuesday night deadline, if you are looking to become a weekly writer, it is important to attend Thursday night meetings that last less than an hour. There we review the issue.

Sometimes, depending on the event, you will also be responsible for capturing pictures, or other forms of media, to go with the article both in the print issue, as well as on the web site.

Not all events or topics covered need to be on campus.

Local happenings in surrounding towns, even in New York City, can be covered as well.

Assistant Editor for the Arts & Entertainment Section

Assistants are responsible for writing at least one article a week for the section. They are also responsible for being present for most of production night on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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Working for the Arts & Entertainment section is work, but so much fun. As stated previously, you get invited to cover concerts, plays, movies, gallery openings, poetry readings and even fashion shows. I am also constantly getting free CDs in the mail with press releases to cover a new and upcoming band.

I am so privileged to be a part of *The Montclarion*. It has opened so many doors for me and continues to be a huge part of my college career.

If you are interested in working for the Arts and Entertainment section please contact me at msuarts@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the positions or want to learn more, please contact me.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the readers and wish everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Get a jump start on building your résumé!
If you are interested in writing for the Arts & Entertainment section
in Fall 2010, contact Emily at MSUARTS@GMAIL.COM.

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Ian, we congratulate you on completing your degree in Business Administration with a dual concentration in Management and Marketing. In addition, to be honored by receiving the prestigious Montclair State University Student Carpe Diem Award - a worthy and distinguished honor.

During your 4 years at Montclair, you have worked very hard with an unwavering commitment that resulted in many accomplishments including being the Student Representative on the university's Board of Trustee and Chief of Staff for the Student Government Association. Moreover, you worked on campus as an Information Officer, IT Help Desk analyst and a Student Ambassador to the Disney International Program. Let's not forget the fraternity, holding positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Philanthropy of Theta Xi.

Throughout your school years your teachers always said we should be so proud of you. Ian there is simply not enough words to describe how we feel about you and your accomplishments. We know you will continue to excel in all your future endeavors. Always remember that we love you and could not be prouder. Thank you for being you.

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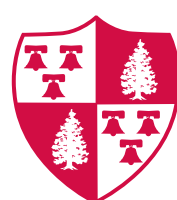
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Taylor Bonner Named CAANJ Male Athlete of the Year

This article previously ran on Oct. 22, 2009. It was written by staff writer Jon Fazio and is being featured as a special "best of the 2009-10 school year" article.

Senior Taylor Bonner was named Outstanding Male Athlete by the Collegiate Athletic Administrators of New Jersey (CAANJ) in Division III for the 2008-2009 school year. Bonner was presented the award by the CAANJ at a luncheon in Somerset, NJ for his achievements in lacrosse and football.

Bonner was shocked when he was informed that he had won the award. He did not think that it was such a big moment for him, until he found out that it was a very prestigious award.

"Our school put in my name, and all the coaches and athletic directors across New Jersey voted, and I won," said Bonner. "I was happy to receive such a high award, because I didn't think it was so big."

Bonner was also named Male Athlete of the 2008-2009 Academic Year at Montclair State last May for maintaining a 3.585 grade point average and possessing strong leadership skills on and off the fields of lacrosse and football.

Last spring, he received local media coverage for helping to save an 11-year old girl from her burning home.

Last fall, Bonner joined the Montclair State football team for his first season since playing in high school. It was difficult for him to stay away from football his first two years here, though. He was already on the lacrosse team and did not want to risk getting injured playing football. But he trusted his instincts, and tried out for the team anyway.

"I've been playing [football] my whole life," said Bonner. "When I got here, I played lacrosse, and when I went to the football games here at Montclair State I always had the itch to play. So, in the spring of 2008 I tried out, and made the team." When he joined the team, he was a reserve defensive back throughout the season. He made a great impact on

the special teams unit, which was one of the best in the New Jersey Athletics Conference.

The following spring, Bonner was a star midfielder for the Men's Lacrosse team here at Montclair State, that recorded the best season in the history of the program. He appeared and started in all 18 games, and finished second on the team with 32 goals and third in scoring with 44 points.

When the Red Hawks played Kean for the conference title, Bonner described that game as his favorite moment in his athletic career.

"It was back and forth, and at the last second when the game was over, everyone went on to the field and celebrated and jumped on everyone's back," said Bonner. "It was a great moment for me." It was also the first time Montclair went to the Division III NCAA championship.

But it hasn't always been smooth sailing for Bonner here at Montclair State. Not only does he play for two teams, he also took 18 credits last semester.

"Last semester was really difficult," said Bonner. "So I took 12 credits this semester just to take some stress off me. But, it's still difficult to play for two teams and maintain an academic schedule." He is majoring in health education with a concentration in public health, and will be going for his masters in epidemiology after he graduates in the spring.

Bonner also works at a local lacrosse store, in Montclair, which sells lacrosse equipment to people of all ages interested in the sport.

"It's great because you can help out kids that are starting out [playing lacrosse]," said Bonner. The store and Bonner were also involved for raising money in the "Lax for Autism" campaign that raised several hundred dollars at last April's lacrosse contest against Kean University.

For now though, Bonner is here to enjoy the ride for his last school year at Montclair State. He is using it for motivation before every game he plays on the

grid-iron and on the field. "There's not too much time left to compete on a high

level," said Bonner. "So say your prayers, and go for it."



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Graduating Senior Taylor Bonner played Football and Men's Lacrosse for MSU. He was awarded the CAANJ award for male athlete of the year in 2009.



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Cristino Cements Her Name in MSU History

Red Hawks’ Star Forward Scores 1,000 Points in Her Career

This article previously ran on February 6, 2010. It was written by Production Editor Robert Aitken and is being featured as a special “Best of the 2009-10 School Year” article.

There was buzz around the Panzer Athletic Center on Feb. 3. The Scarlet Raiders of Rutgers-Newark were coming to play the Women’s Basketball team.

With a win, Montclair State would just about clinch a berth in the conference tournament. Much of the discussion, however, was about one specific player. Catherine Cristino was five points shy of one thousand in her college career.

“People kept telling me that I needed a lay-up and a three-pointer,” said the senior forward. “That’s exactly what happened.” Cristino accomplished the lay-up part with a jumper four minutes into the game that gave the Red Hawks a quick eight point lead.

Already up 12, Cristino connected on a three-pointer with exactly six minutes remaining in the opening half. Now with a lead of 15, coach Karen Harvey called a timeout after the basket for Cristino to receive her recognition. “I never take myself too seriously, even in practice,” Cristino said.

Described by teammates as modest, Cristino was unsure how to deal with the moment of becoming just the 15th woman in MSU history to achieve the feat.

“She just kept telling us how embarrassed she was about it,” said teammate Kara Burnham. “I think we were more excited about it than she was.”

Burnham is also Cristino’s roommate and best friend. Coupled with fellow senior Jackie Berry, the trio has been very close in their four-year stint at Montclair State.

“All three of us are so close,” Burnham said. “I think it shows on the court.”

The Colt’s Neck High School star chose Montclair State over scholarship offers from some small-name Division I schools.

“I enjoyed the environment around here,” Cristino said. “I wasn’t really interested in those other places.”

Cristino’s 21 blocks this season give her 116 in her career, surpassing former teammates and protégés Ferin Catlett and Stephanie Machin, who were both seniors when Cristino was just a freshman.

“They both made me into a better player,” Cristino said. “I became stronger. I didn’t like to get hit, and I became tougher.”

Cristino, who sees herself as “a post player with the heart of a guard,” is the only player in MSU history to be ranked in the top 15 in points, blocks and three-point field goals made.

While her 1,088 points places her in 13th place presently, Cristino currently stands as the schools sixth highest in blocked shots (116) and second all-time in three pointers made (83). These accomplishments are all for a woman who broke her foot during her freshman year.

This season may be the best measure of Cristino’s all-around skill. With an average of 14.1 points per game, Cristino is second on the team in points, leads with 21 blocks, third on the team with 31 steals and has a field goal percentage just under 50 percent.

In the previous three seasons, the Red Hawks have appeared in two ECAC tournaments, winning the championship in the 2006-07 season. Last season saw a division title for Montclair State, but no postseason appearance. This season has included the NJAC becoming a major power in Division III women’s basketball. Two teams, Kean and William Paterson, are ranked in the top eight of the country.

“We played both teams and were close,” Cristino said. “We think we have what it takes to beat them.”

As for Cristino’s place in Montclair State history, statistics may show her to be one of the best forwards in school history. “I’d like to think that I’ll be remembered as a good all-around player.” Cristino’s point total will not reach that of legendary Red Hawk Carol Blazejowski’s 3,199 points, but in the words of her teammate Burnham, “She’s up there.”



Mike Zawadzki | The Montclarion

Graduating senior Catherine Cristino scored her 1,000th point in a game versus Rutgers-Newark this past February.

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Women’s Lacrosse Wins Skyline Championship, Loses in First Round of NCAAs

Nelson DePasquale
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After defeating Ramapo College in the Skyline Conference Championship match, the Red Hawks Women’s Lacrosse season came to an unfortunate end against Stevens.

In the first round of the NCAA Division III National Tournament, the Red Hawks fell to Stevens in a 15-12 loss on Wednesday, May 12. Although the season ended earlier than the squad would have liked, this year’s Women’s Lacrosse team had a lot to offer.

After a 1-3 start to the season, dropping games to York (8-7), Stevens (17-10) and FDU-Florham (9-8), the Red Hawks went on to win 11 of their next 12 games, including a seven-game winning streak. In that stretch, Women’s Lacrosse went undefeated in Skyline Conference matchups at 8-0.

A 12-6 overall record (8-0 Skyline) propelled them to obtain the number one seed in the Skyline Conference Championship. They took home the championship for the fourth time in five years after wins against Kean and Ramapo in the playoffs. Cora Delfini earned the Most Valuable Player Award with six goals and one

assist.

The Red Hawks may have lost in the NCAA Tournament, but they once again showed their dominance in the Skyline Conference. In the past five years, the Red Hawks hold an astonishing 25-1 record against Skyline Conference opponents.

Next year, the Red Hawks, along with head coach Nicol Parceluzzi, hope to duplicate those results.

Although we are losing seniors Lauren Adams, Jamie Hudacko and Morgan MacPhee, most of the team and scoring power will return next season.

Delfini will be returning as a junior. She led the team with 66 points and scored 49 goals in 18 games this season. The rest of the team’s leading scorers, Kayla Henderson (39 goals), Kailee Beal (33 goals), Jessica Curran (18 goals), Maggie Fallon (13 goals) and Meghan Spitzer (13 goals) will also be returning next season. Freshman goaltender Tiffani Henderson, who saved 121 goals this season, is also expected to return as a sophomore.

With only three players lost to graduation this year, Montclair State Women’s Lacrosse looks to continue their winning ways in the 2010-2011 season.



Nelson DePasquale | *The Montclarion*
Freshman attacker Kailee Beal looks for an open shot in a game against Bard College earlier in the season.

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as outgoing seniors Chris Merkle and Brian Tweer. Their season culminated in a tough 14-6 victory over Kean in the NJAC Championship. They would also win an NCAA playoff game, defeating Maine-Maritime before falling to eventual national champion Mount Union.

MSU field hockey fell short of an NJAC title after a very close loss at Rowan early in the season decided first place, but still managed to earn the top spot in the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship. They cruised to the title, outscoring their opponents 13-0 in the tournament. For a team that lost senior top scorer Megan Pietrunti to a knee injury early in the

season and was starting a freshman goalie in Megan Bosland, they overcame a lot of obstacles. Seniors like Megan Walsh and Melissa Buttray guided the offense, while senior defenders such as Danielle Altersitz and Rebecca Dobiesz helped out the young Bosland.

Most recently, MSU Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse both won Skyline Championships. For the men, it was their second consecutive championship as they had one of the best seasons in the program’s history. Seniors Taylor Bonner and Robert Sinicola were the top two point scorers on the team while other seniors like Patrick Ferry and Andrew

Rosado provided hard nosed defense and goalkeeping.

Women’s lacrosse was able to win its fourth Skyline championship in five years. Senior Lauren Adams was an effective two-way player for the team while senior Morgan MacPhee finished second on the team in scoring. Though the Red Hawks fell short in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, losing to Stevens 15-12.

MSU Athletics also had one other victory, and that was at the gates. Nine of MSU’s 13 teams that play at home saw increases in attendance this season. The biggest winner was football,

who managed to draw over 6,000 for the homecoming game this season and nearly doubled its average attendance for the year, drawing close to 3,000 patrons a game. Every team managed to average triple digit attendance unlike last year and ten of 13 teams averaged over 200 people per game.

Interest in MSU sports has never been higher and the talent of the teams is at its highest overall in the last decade. Many seniors will come and go with graduation, but there is still plenty of potential on all of the MSU teams and the 2010-2011 school year will be one to bear watching for MSU athletics.

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MSU Athletics Has Successful Season

School Wins Championships in Five Sports During 2009-10 School Year



Mike Zawadzki | The Montclarion

Montclair State Football was just one of five different teams that won championships this school year. The others were Men's Soccer, Field Hockey and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.

Mike Monostra
SPORTS EDITOR

For Montclair State athletics, the 2009-2010 season may have been the most successful overall on record. The school saw five different teams win NJAC championships and

an ECAC championship. And perhaps most importantly, the fans came out and watched in numbers that were higher than years past.

In the fall, two teams managed to win NJAC Championships. One of these teams was Men's Soccer, who saw this year's senior

graduating class leave having won NJAC Championships in each of their seasons. Winning the conference was typical territory for a team that was one of the best in the nation the previous year. They would only get to the second round of the NCAA tournament though, falling

short at home against Stevens, this was a team that proved, even without outgoing seniors like Tyler Masterson and Nick Mele, they could still dominate their conference and make noise in the postseason.

For football, they would get blown out in their non-con-

ference opener at Wilkes. But from then on, they wouldn't lose again for a while. MSU swept its NJAC schedule for the first time since 2003 with one of the best defenses in the nation, headed up by players such

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Men's Lacrosse Falls in NCAAs

Mike Monostra
SPORTS EDITOR

Montclair State Men's Lacrosse was able to clinch a second consecutive Skyline Conference championship on May 1 by knocking off rival Kean 12-8 at Sprague Field. However, their NCAA Playoffs run again ended abruptly, as they were upset 8-6 by Endicott College on May 12, also at Sprague Field. The loss keeps the Red Hawks winless all-time in NCAA play-off games.

However, for a program like Montclair State Red Hawks Men's Lacrosse, this season was easily the best, at least since the early 90's, and possibly ever.

Coach John Graco took over a program in 2003 that was barely getting recognition in its own conference, let alone the nation. This season the Red Hawks were consistently ranked in the top 20 in the country for the first time ever and after a 1-3 start, ran off a 14 game winning streak that culminated in the Skyline championship.

The streak wasn't without its struggles either. For example, in the Skyline championship, the Red Hawks actually trailed 6-5 at halftime after a surge of Cougar goals in the second quarter. But in the third quarter, a five goal outburst from

MSU led by game MVP Robert Sinicola gave the Red Hawks an insurmountable 10-6 lead.

This was a team that came off being embarrassed by Cabrini 17-3 in the 2009 NCAA tournament and went into 2010 with something to prove. Tyler Meth, a 49 goal scorer in his freshman year of 2009, matured greatly during the 2010 season and was still able to lead the team with 42 goals. He was complemented by seniors Taylor Bonner and Sinicola offensively.

Defensively, it was other seniors like defender Patrick Ferry and goalkeeper Andrew Rosado that showed poise and leadership, even during the team's early season struggles. A team that had gotten so down on themselves after tough losses in the past was now confident and poised, and these qualities showed through this season.

Unfortunately, a team that looked ready to make a run in the NCAAs fell short in the end. In their first round battle with Endicott, MSU recovered from a 4-2 halftime deficit with three goals at the end of the third quarter. Junior Mike Corsetto, senior Patrick Nann and junior Ryan Kloss all scored to tie the game a five after three quarters. An early fourth quarter goal from Meth gave MSU a 6-5 lead with just over 13 minutes to go.

But the lead didn't hold.



Robert Aitken | The Montclarion

Sophomore Matthew Prongay drives in on goal during MSU's Skyline Semifinals victory over New York Maritime. The Red Hawks won their second consecutive Skyline Championship in May.

Endicott rallied behind attacker Jonathan Prentice, who scored three straight goals to cap off the win for the Gulls and bounce MSU from the first round of the tournament

While, the loss was certainly heartbreaking for the Red Hawks, the entire season was an achievement in its own right. A Men's Lacrosse program that has been building its way up for half a decade finally came

to fruition this season. A talented team out of the Skyline Conference finally got national recognition and went on one of the longest winning streaks in recent memory. Not to mention a team that went from losing by 14 in a NCAA playoff game last year to coming within 13 minutes of winning one this year.

But still, there was one more thing the Men's Lacrosse team did this year. Both the Skyline

Championship game and the NCAA playoff game drew crowds of over 800 people. Such figures are usually only seen at football games.

This is a team that had a following at MSU and gave fans something to cheer for during the spring season. This alone, should stand as a testament that the 2010 Montclair State Men's Lacrosse season was a success.